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## News Release

### **Tulsa 66ers Returning to Bixby's SpiritBank Event Center**

The Tulsa 66ers and the SpiritBank Event Center announced today that the team will return to Bixby to play its approximately 24 NBA Development League home games per season at the 4500-seat SpiritBank Event Center, which was home to the 66ers during the 2008-09 season. The move becomes effective at the start of the 2012-13 season. The 66ers are the Development League affiliate of the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder and are owned by the Professional Basketball Club, LLC , which also owns the Thunder.

"The 66ers are excited about moving to Bixby and the SpiritBank Event Center. We are looking forward to returning and resuming our partnership with the Bixby and South Tulsa communities, which have always been very supportive of our team and business," said Dan Mahoney, spokesman for the 66ers and Oklahoma City Thunder. "The SpiritBank Event Center is a tremendous facility for basketball, offering just what we need to provide 66ers fans with a first-rate sports and entertainment experience. "

The 66ers will also move their business offices to Bixby.

The team played its home games in Bixby in 2008-09 but moved to the Tulsa Convention Center due to various issues with the previous owners of the SpiritBank Event Center. “Under the new ownership of the building by SpiritBank, this facility becomes the ideal home for the 66ers,” Mahoney said.

“The SpiritBank Event Center is a great venue for all and we’re excited to welcome the Tulsa 66ers and fans back,” said Paul Cornell, representing the SpiritBank Event Center. “The 66ers and the Thunder have a great reputation and brand with which we are proud to be associated. This move creates positive momentum for the entire plaza and for South Tulsa and Bixby. We’re excited about that as well,” Cornell adds.

“We are truly honored to once again serve as the home of the 66ers and excited about its affiliation with the Oklahoma City Thunder, one of the top teams in the NBA, “ Bixby Mayor Ray Bowen said. “Bixby is already known as a community of choice, and the team's decision to bring their business and NBA Development League back to the outstanding SpiritBank Event Center speaks volumes about the attractiveness of our city as a top place to grow a business and raise a family.”

The SpiritBank Event Center is South Tulsa’s state-of-the-art sports and entertainment venue. The 4,500 seat Center is located within Regal Plaza Shopping Center at 104<sup>th</sup> and Memorial, with a Hampton Inn & Suites on-site. The Center has hosted acts such as Lynyrd Skynyrd, ZZ Top, John Legend, Willie Nelson and Miranda Lambert. In addition to abundant retail parking spaces, there is an on-site parking garage with 1,000 spaces.

Fans interested in 66ers ticket information can call 918-585-8444 for details about season tickets, group sales and packages that include access to Thunder games as well. 66ers' staff is already beginning the transition to the SpiritBank Events Center and tours and seat selection is already being planned. Tulsa 66ers' Season Ticket Members receive additional Thunder benefits, such as complimentary tickets to the Thunder's preseason game in Tulsa vs. the Phoenix Suns on October 19. More information is available at [www.tulsa66ers.com](http://www.tulsa66ers.com).

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**About the Tulsa 66ers:**

Purchased in 2008 by the owners of the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder, the Professional Basketball Club, LLC, the Tulsa 66ers are the Thunder's NBA Development League affiliate. The 66ers are part of the 16-team League, which provides players, coaches and staff with valuable development experience for a future in the NBA. Approximately 20 percent of players in the NBA have Development League experience. The 66ers offer various season, single-game, group and other ticket packages, as well as sponsorship opportunities. More information is available at [www.tulsa66ers.com](http://www.tulsa66ers.com)

**About SpiritBank Event Center:**

Built in 2007-2008, The SpiritBank Event Center is South Tulsa's state-of-the-art sports and entertainment venue. The 4,500 seat Center includes two additional ballroom, banquet or meeting facilities at 5,000 SQ each, designed to house a number of different events including family shows, concerts, corporate and trade conventions, wedding receptions, and all other facility-needed events. There is 34,000 SF of office space, nearly 100% occupied.

SpiritBank Event Center is located within Regal Plaza Shopping Center, which is comprised of 119,000 SF of shopping and restaurants and a Hampton Inn & Suites.